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Police Asking Assistance

Police need your help with any information on the Hit & Run fatality where San Antonio Police Officer Juan Morales was killed.

On Tuesday, December 11th, Officer Juan Morales was on his police motorcycle at Fresno and IH 10 when Jose Luis Garcia's vehicle collided with Officer Morales' motorcycle then spun around and hit another car. Garcia then fled the scene of the accident. Officer Morales was transported to the hospital where he was later pronounced dead. The driver of the second vehicle was uninjured.

The suspect was driving a brown pickup truck that may have been carrying scaffolding or work items prior to the fatality.

If anyone has information regarding the accident or the suspect's vehicle before the accident, please call SAPD Traffic Investigation Unit at 207-7385.

PHOTOS OF THE VEHICLE ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PIO OFFICE

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